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## THE FUN HAS BEGUN

**Sixth Session of the Montana Legislature Convened in Helena Yesterday.**

## THE ORGANIZATION

**Caucus Nominees Elected—There Was a Hot Time—Adjourned Until Today.**

Just now all eyes are centered on Helena, the capital of Montana, where the Sixth legislative assembly, which, by the way, is democratic, is in session. The democrats have complete sway and they will rule with the customary high hand.

Much interest has been manifested as to who would be the presiding officers and the members decided on Sunday night as the time for caucusing. From all reports it must have been an exceptionally hot and interesting occasion. Some prominent democrats, who thought themselves strictly in the swim, were given a taste of man's infidelity, for those who had their fingers clasped around some certain position were passed beneath the reaper's sickle and sent to feed the crows. Their hopes were shattered like a broken glass and today Helena resounds with the mutterings of disgruntled democrats. Schemings, such as is only known to democrats, was resorted to, and it proved effectual.

The house caucus was held in the house with but two members absent, Flinn of Cascade and Stapleton of Silver Bow. Dr. Johnson, silver republican from Carbon was not permitted to attend the caucus. The caucus was presided over by Stephens of Ravalli, with Gibson of Madison as secretary. But two candidates were presented for speaker, E. C. Day of Helena and H. C. Stiff of Missoula. The Missoula man was elected by a vote of 30 to 25, which is considered a victory for the Daly forces.

For chief clerk of the house Charles R. Craig of Helena, J. M. Kennedy of Anaconda and E. M. Haviland were named. The ballot resulted in the selection of the Helena man.

Three ballots were necessary to settle the question of who will be sergeant-at-arms, resulting in the selection of Charles Wegner of Great Falls. The nominee was formerly postmaster at Great Falls.

It also required three ballots to determine the question of assistant sergeant-at-arms. Martin Leyden of Lewis and Clarke was selected. After five ballots ex-Representative Longstaff of Missoula was elected journal clerk.

Miss Alta Child of Helena was elected enrolling clerk by acclamation, Charles Callahan was made doorkeeper; Henry Miles of Broadwater, engrossing clerk, H. Bell of Madison watchman, G. E. Philbin of Silver Bow night watchman. Rev. B. E. H. Warren of East Helena chaplain, Frank Gleason, Wm. Flynn and Louis Bock of Helena and Thomas Hughes of Anaconda, pages, chosen out of a lot of candidates. Dennis Bell of Silver Bow was elected janitor.

The senate caucus resulted in the election of T. P. Cullen of Dawson, the popular Northern Pacific conductor and well known in Billings, as president protem; David Connor of Silver Bow secretary; J. W. Pousford of Gallatin, sergeant-at-arms; J. L. DeHart, enrolling clerk; F. M. Grace of Dawson, assistant secretary; H. J. Kelly of Ravalli, assistant sergeant-at-arms; Con Bray of Beaverhead, day watchman; James Woodside of Madison, night watchman; Moses Marks of Helena, doorkeeper; W. H. McCann, janitor; and John Wells of Granite and Master McCanty of Broadwater, pages. Misses Hogan, Lowe and Glenn of Lewis and Clarke and Kathleen Rademaker of Yellowstone were elected clerks. Rev. M. L. Hickman of Ravalli was elected chaplain.

The legislature convened yesterday morning, perfected its organization and adjourned until 10 o'clock today, when the governor's message was to be presented. It was about noon when both houses got under way and it only took about thirty minutes to organize and adjourn. Secretary of State Hogan called the house to order and requested members to come forward and show certificats of election. Representative Losekamp from Yellowstone was absent. After showing their certificates the members took the oath of office, administered by Associate Justice Pigott.

Representative Stephens of Missoula moved that E. C. Day be chosen speaker pro tem., and the Helena man was elected. Assuming the gavel Mr. Day asked the pleasure of the house. Representative Stephens then proposed the caucus nominees for the different positions from speaker down, as given elsewhere.

Speaker Pro Tem. Day called upon Representative Stone of Missoula to act as temporary clerk, after it had been decided to call the roll and vote viva voce. Members were instructed to vote for H. C. Stiff or Wm. Lindsay, as the case might be, with the understanding that the vote for the head of the ticket elected the entire caucus nominations.

The result showed 58 votes for Mr. Stiff and 10 for Mr. Lindsay. Mr. Stiff was declared the nominee. Representatives Stephens and Hedges were appointed a committee to escort Speaker Stiff to the chair.

The new speaker was greeted with appplause. He briefly thanked the house for the honor conferred, assuring the members that he would endeavor to discharge the duties fairly and impartially. Associate Justice Pigott then administered the oath to the speaker.

The employes of the house were then lined up in front of the speaker's desk and sworn in.

On motion of Representative Hedges the rules of the Fifth session were voted to be in force pending the report of the committee on rules.

Upon motion of Hedges the chair appointed Hedges of Fergus, Garr of Flathead and Toole of Deer Lodge a committee to wait upon and notify the senate of the organization of the house and to act as a joint committee with one from the senate informing the governor that the Sixth session was ready to hear from him.

The house then adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. today.

### In the Senate.

The senate was called to order by President Spriggs. The roll was called and the senators-elect presented their certificates. Senator Mahan was absent. Justice Hunt then administered the oath of office to the new senators, who subsequently signed the written oath. Senator Hoffman presented the caucus nominees, given elsewhere.

The employes had the oath administered.

Senator Campbell presented a sheep crook from W. G. Watt, senator-elect negotiating Meagher county, who lost his certificate of office from residing elsewhere, to the effect that Mr. Anderson had been legally elected and he did not propose to institute a contest.

Senator Norris then presented a resolution to the effect that Watt having failed to respond to roll call and having written that he would not contest, Mr. Anderson be sworn in as the senator from Meagher. This was done. President Spriggs was authorized to appoint the standing committees. Only one committee was named yesterday, the president naming Norris, Clark and McKay a committee on rules.

Hobson, Anderson and Connelly were appointed a committee to act with a like committee from the house to notify the governor that the senate was organized and ready for business, and Gruwell, Cullen and Worden a committee to inform the house that an organization had been perfected. The senate then adjourned until today.

Governor Smith's message to the legislature was delivered today at 10 a. m., in the auditorium. The building was crowded by an eager audience. The message was a biennial review of state matters and will be treated fully in Friday's issue of The Gazette.

## RANGE OUTLOOK.

**Winter Pomises Favorable to Cattle in Montana, Says Colonel Gould.**

C. H. Gould, live stock agent of the Chicago, Burlington & Northern, passed through the city yesterday on his way to Arizona, says the St. Paul Globe. Mr. Gould's headquarters during the summer is in Miles City, and he has just closed up there and will devote his energies during the winter to southern cattle.

"The ranges this year," he said to a reporter, "turned out a lot of good cattle and sheep. Our road had its share of business. The winter promises to be favorable for cattle. There will probably be plenty of snow for the cattle to slake their thirst. An open winter always means a loss of cattle, for when a steer goes to the rivers and brooks to drink he invariably falls in and is drowned If there is snow he simply licks it up and does not require a stream.

"I notice there are a number of cattle and sheep snowbound in the mountains, especially in Washington. The snow there is soft and cattle have a hard time getting through it."

Mr. Gould enjoys a national reputation as the "Bad Lands Poet Lariat." He has written a number of poems and songs founded upon the late war, as well as much other meritorious verse. His latest is entitled "Stock Train Signals."

The report of State Treasurer Collins for the month of December shows that the receipts during the month were $240,897.65, and the disbursements $189,11. The permanent school fund now contains $258,285.52, of which there are invested in state warrants and claims $113,726,29; in bonds, $45,357, and in cash, $99,223. The permanent university fund has reached $18,262, of which $4,468.48 are invested in claims, $5,627.66 in warrants and $7,229.48 in cash. The general fund contains but $82.47.

## AN ENGINEER KILLED

**James Demsey, a Popular Northern Pacific Employe, Killed in the Billings Yards.**

## RUN DOWN BY ENGINE

**While Walking the Coal Chute Track. Employes Not to Blame—Remains Taken to Wisconsin.**

An accident occurred in the Northern Pacific railroad yards in this city Saturday night which, for sadness and mystery, has had no equal in Billings. It was just a few minutes after 6 o'clock when the accident happened, which caused the death of James J. Dempsey, one of the oldest and most popular engineers on the Northern Pacific system. Previous to the accident Dempsey had been on the streets talking with friends and it was impossible for them to believe that he had been killed, and by an engine at that.

At 5:30 Dempsey went to Parque's restaurant and ate his supper; leaving there at about 5:55 he went over to the depot and then started for the round house, near where he roomed. When near the coal docks he was run over and instantly killed by engine No. 572 of the Gebo train, in charge of Engineer Miles Ray, which was backing onto the track to the round house for the night. Just how Dempsey came to be killed by the engine is not known, but the general supposition is that he had been walking between the rails and it being very slippery he had fallen and in doing bit his head either on the rail or some hard substance, was stunned insensible and fell across the rail and it was while in this condition that he was run over. Had he been walking on the track he could have been seen by both the engineer and his fireman, who were watching the track, and as there was no other engine or train to distract his attention the above theory is the one held by his friends as the cause of the accident.

As soon as the engine struck him, Engineer Ray turned to his fireman and told him they had run over something and the engine was stopped, while the fireman got down and went forward to inspect. He returned with the startling announcemnt that they had run over a man. At that time they were unable to discern who the person was, owing to the darkness, but when a torch was produced Ray discovered that he had run over his best friend. Dempsey's legs were both cut off and his head mangled.

The coroner was notified and the remains removed to the undertaking rooms. Sunday morning at 10 o'clock an inquest was held in the office of the police magistrate. A jury comprising Frank Manu, John Hughes, H. F. Clement, Willard Baker, Thomas Hill and Chas. Stull was sworn by Coroner Townsend and then listened to the testimony of the witnesses. Those who testified were J. Miles Ray, engineer; D. E. Gillis, his fireman; J. R. Thompson, Dempsey's fireman; James Sherwood, wiper; W. S. Salsbury, a car-repairer; Frank and Matt Rademaker, W. H. Schrieber, Jos. Parque and Fred Penrod.

Ray and Gillis testified about noticeing that the engine jarred when it run over something, which proved later to be Dempsey. They said the engine had the usual two red lights on the tank, the bell was ringing and they were looking in the direction the engine was running and would have noticed had any man been walking on the track; their engine was going at the rate of about 2 or 3 miles an hour.

The other witnesses had seen Dempsey just previous to the accident and testified that he was feeling jolly, as usual, and was strictly sober. They testified to having known him for some years and that he was a temperate man. The jury's verdict was as follows:

"That the deceased, James J. Dempsey, came to his death by being run over by Northern Pacific engine No. 572, while the said engine was being run to the coal chute under all usual precautions of danger. The Northern Pacific railroad company and its employes are exonerated from all neglect connected with the accident."

The verdict was a great relief to Engineer Ray, who felt deeply affected by the accident, but he was in nowise to blame for its occurrence.

James Dempsy was a veteran engineer of the Northern Pacific railroad. He was a man about 40 years of age and has been engaged with the N. P. in Montana for about twelve years, making his home in Livingston. He had been running on the Rocky Fork branch for a few days, but on Saturday did not go out on the trip, having received word that he had been promoted to a passenger run on the Boulder division and was just awaiting to be relieved before accepting his new run. Dempsey was one of the most popular engineers on the road and all the employes are counted as his friends and testify to his good character. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Knights of Pythias and A. O. U. W. lodges and carried an insurance policy of $2,000 in the latter order, payable to his father. He was unmarried. The remains were taken in charge Sunday by the Brotherhood of Engineers and on Monday were shipped to Portage, Wis., where the father of the deceased lives. The remains were accompanied by Engineer Hannaford Ross. Dempsey's death is deeply mourned by all his acquaintances, who had more than a friendly feeling for him.

### BLACK PATTI TROUBADORS.

**A High Class Entertainment on the Boards for Next Week.**

A sensational performance is promised by the "Black Patti Troubadours" on the occasion of their performance in this city Friday evening of next week, Jan. 13. The company has made a tremendous hit everywhere through its magnificent presentation of opera, comedy, burlesque and vaudeville. The two score artists comprising the company are the very best in their respective specialties and the performance is marked by the liberal management that everything is done on the stage. The costumes worn by the company are said to be among the best specimens of the costumer's art. The scenery is new and costly and were painted by a scenic costumer who for the season has made costumes worn by Sousa's band and his company. The company carries an artistic and effective orchestra which represents a band from Coney Island, which was selected for the opera "Robin Hood" performance. Messrs. Shea and Nolan, managers of the company, have evidently spared no expense in surrounding their star with a company of companiments.


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